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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Nobuaki HASHIMOTO

Group Art Unit: 2822

Application No.: 09/856,627

Examiner: I. Soward

Filed: May 24, 2001

Docket No.: 109609

For: INTERCONNECT SUBSTRATE, SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, METHODS OF FABRICATING, INSPECTING, AND MOUNTING THE SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE, CIRCUIT BOARD, AND ELECTRONIC INSTRUMENT

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY REGARDING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

The Examiner responsible for the above-identified application telephoned Applicant's representative on August 4, 2004 to assert substantially that a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which was accompanied by an Amendment After Final Rejection (AAFR), filed on June 29, 2004 was not signed.

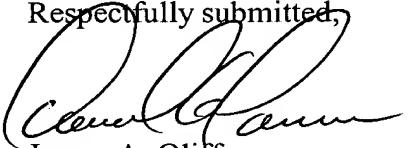
Applicant's representative forwarded the attached Status Inquiry Regarding Request for Continued Examination with all of the attachments (unsigned) on June 29, 2004, requesting status of the RCE and AAFR which were signed and timely filed on December 8, 2003.

Applicant's representative contacted Examiner Soward on July 15, 2004 and was informed that the RCE and AAFR had been entered in the patent application file wrapper for her consideration. Thus, Applicant's representative believed the timely filed papers had been found and entered.

Applicant's representative resubmits the attached first Status Inquiry (also signed) dated June 29, 2004 (copy of date-stamped USPTO filing receipt included) and signed copies of the December 8, 2003 RCE and AAFR in an attempt to expedite further prosecution of this application.

It is respectfully requested that Applicant's undersigned representative be contacted at the telephone number set forth below with an indication of the status of the RCE, or in the alternative, entry and consideration of the copies attached to this Inquiry.

If any questions arise regarding this matter, the Office is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments:

- Copy of (first) Status Inquiry regarding Request for Continued Examination dated June 29, 2004
- Copy of USPTO date-stamped filing receipt dated June 29, 2004
- (Signed) Copy of Request for Continued Examination filed on December 8, 2003
- (Signed) Copy of Amendment After Final Rejection filed on December 8, 2003
- Copies of front and back of check no. 149024 dated December 8, 2003
- Copy of date-stamped filing receipt dated December 8, 2003
- Copy of file history from PAIR (downloaded June 29, 2004)
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Stat. Inq. Re RCE; w/copies of: RCE trans, AAFR, ck #149024, date-stamped PTO receipt, PAIR file hist, and PAIR file wrapper.

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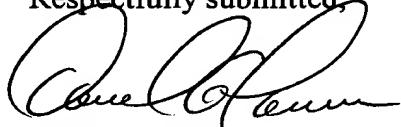
A Request for Continued Examination for the above-identified patent application was filed on December 8, 2003. Copies of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Amendment After Final Rejection (AAFR) filed therewith, a canceled check (check no. 149024 in the amount of \$770.00) for the RCE filing fee, and a date-stamped filing receipt indicating that these items were received on December 8, 2003, are attached hereto. Additionally, please note that the check for the filing fee was endorsed by the Patent Office on December 10, 2003 and cleared the bank on December 12, 2003.

On June 25, 2004, Examiner Soward contacted Applicant's representative to inquire as to whether this application had been abandoned. Applicant's representative informed the Examiner that an RCE had been filed in this matter on December 8, 2003. A search for the status of the application in PAIR revealed an entry in the File History dated December 8, 2003 "Workflow - Request for RCE - Begin" (copy attached). There is, however, no indication that the RCE or AAFR were scanned into the electronic image file wrapper (copy of printout attached).

Applicant respectfully requests that the Patent Office contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below with an indication of the status of the RCE, or in the alternative, entry and consideration of the copies attached to this inquiry.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

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